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In re Application of: Stockhausen GmbH & Co. KG.

International Application No. No. PCT/EP00/07479

Filed: 02 August 2000

For: A POLYMER COMPOSITION AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination and calculation of the filing fees. If any fees in addition to those accompanying the attached application are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 50-1564.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as follows:

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(Amended) Powdered, crosslinked polymer compositions for absorbing aqueous or serous fluids, as well as blood, comprising:

- a) 55 - 99.9 wt.-% of at least one polymerized, ethylenically unsaturated, polymerizable monomer which contains acid groups neutralized to at least 25 mole-%;
- b) 0 - 40 wt.-% of polymerized, unsaturated monomers copolymerizable with a);
- c) 0.01 - 5.0 wt.-% of one or more crosslinking agents;
- d) 0 - 30 wt.-% of a water-soluble polymer, the weight amounts a) through d) being based on anhydrous polymer composition, and the sum of these components always being 100 wt.-%, which compositions can be obtained by